

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the specification on page 19, line 31 through page 21, line 3 with the following amended version of that paragraph:

The user is provided the option of displaying the results of the search, i.e., the program listings that have the selected theme (see FIG. 2, step 44). A list of programming that has the selected theme is displayed according to one embodiment in FIG. 8(a). The listing 110 of programming is a by-time listing displayed by broadcast time 112 and by channel ~~115~~ 114. Only programming having the selected theme is displayed, whereas program listings which do not have the selected theme are suppressed from view. In the current example, only programming which has the theme "sports" is displayed. According to a second embodiment (FIG. 8(b)), listing 120 displays all available programming to the user by broadcast time 122 and by channel 124. Blocks 125 containing programming which has the desired theme is distinctively displayed to attract the user's attention. For example, each program may be represented in a particular color. In addition, an icon or label 126, e.g., "favorite" may be provided in the programming block 125. Continuing with the example, all programming is displayed, but only programming having the "sports" theme is specially highlighted or displayed. The

user may remain in the program listings mode (step 44) and make programming selections within this mode, as is known in the art. For example, the user may highlight a particular program to make a selection. While viewing listing 120, the user may quickly move the highlighted region between programs having the selected "favorite" theme and skip over all other programming. In one embodiment, by pressing a "FAV" key on the user remote 34, the viewer may advance the highlighted region from "NBA Basketball" on channel 6 directly to "College Football" on channel 9, while skipping channels 7-8. Alternatively, the user may choose the option to select another theme (step 42), or to modify the themes list by designating another favorite (step 40).

Please amend the paragraph on page 26, line 22 through page 27, line 14 with the following amended version of that paragraph:

Theme selection screen 400 permits both the step of modifying the themes list (step 40) by designating and highlighting favorite themes and the step of designating the themes as search criteria (step 42). The user is provided with the option of selecting a theme by using the cursor keys 404 to scroll to the desired theme (FIG. 16). The user designates the highlighted theme as a favorite by pressing the Favorites button

on the user remote or by highlighting and selecting the FAV on-screen button 410. In contrast with the embodiments described above, the designated favorite theme does not change location on the themes list 401 but is represented in a particular color. The user may be prompted to select a color, or a default color may be selected by the program guide to assign to all selected favorite themes. This process of designating themes may be repeated as many times as desired. The modified themes list continues to display all themes during this process. However, themes designated as favorites would be displayed in the selected color, and themes that the user has not selected will continue to be represented in a neutral color, such as white or black. In FIG. 16, for example, the user has designated "comedy," "sports," and "drama" as favorite themes 402.

Please amend the paragraph on page 29, line 25 through page 30, line 4 with the following amended version of that paragraph:

The user's preferences with respect to favorite themes may change over time. The user may wish to change the selection of favorite themes that are displayed at screen 550 by for example, highlighting and selecting the up and down-cursor buttons 554 on screen 550. At step 80 (FIG. 10), the user is provided

with the option of retaining in memory the themes which were not selected at screen 500 and deleted from themes list 551. This process may alternatively be a default setting, such that the option is provided to the user during a set-up procedure, if at all. At step 82, the user may be provided with the option of restoring deleted themes to the themes list at screen 500.